AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT, OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR CONCERNING

HEALTH CARE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Whereas, the Department of Defense of the Government of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Government of the Republic of El Salvador, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," have agreed to consider an exchange of health care, and

Whereas, the laws and regulations of the United States provide that inpatient medical care in Department of Defense medical treatment facilities may be furnished without cost to foreign force members and their dependents who are stationed in the United States; provided, that the foreign force members' Government makes available comparable care for a comparable number of United States force members and their dependents in its country, and

Whereas, the Parties have determined that appropriate conditions exist to assure that comparable care to comparable numbers will be made available by each Party, and

Whereas, the Military Departments of the United States Department of Defense have agreed to make available the health care specified in this Agreement, subject to their regulations,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION I GENERAL

1. This Agreement applies to military members, and their dependents, of the United States and El Salvador who are in each others' country at the invitation of the receiving Party.

- 2. The term "dependents" is defined to include the following:
- a. Spouse. A person who, based on the laws of the military member's country, is considered to be the lawful wife or husband of the military member.
- b. Dependent child. The child of a military member who depends on the military member for support, as defined by the regulations of the Party furnishing the care.
- 3. Requirements for identification and proof of eligibility by persons requesting health care under this Agreement will be as prescribed by the Party furnishing the care.

SECTION II

HEALTH CARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE UNITED STATES

The Department of Defense of the United States shall make available:

- For military members, outpatient and inpatient care in Department of Defense medical and dental facilities, without cost.
 - 2. For dependents:
- Outpatient and inpatient medical care in Department of Defense medical facilities, without cost, and
- Dental care in Department of Defense medical and dental facilities, without cost, to the same extent that such care is made available in Department of Defense dental facilities in the United States to dependents of United States military members.

SECTION III HEALTH CARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY EL SALVADOR

The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of El Salvador shall make available medical and dental outpatient and inpatient care for United States military members and dependents in military medical institutions of the Ministry of Defense, without cost.

SECTION IV

- 1. Questions relating to interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be referred for mutual resolution to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs for the Government of the United States, and the Minister of Defense for the Government of El Salvador. No disputes or disagreements over implementation or termination of this agreement shall be referred to third parties for review, resolution, or settlement.
- 2. In case of conflict between the different language texts of this Agreement, the English language text shall be considered as the governing text.
- 3. This Agreement shall enter into force three months after the date of last signature and shall remain in effect for three years or until terminated by either Party by giving sixty days written notice to the other Party.
- 4. This Agreement may be amended, by mutual agreement of the Parties, by an exchange of letters between the Parties.

For the Government of the United States	For the Government of El Salvador
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Signed at Wasking fou, DC	Signed at San Salvador
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